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AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Manitoba Free Press, in its issue of the 10th inst., contained a lengthy write-up of the Wetaskiwin district and also published photographs of some of our leading places of business. In part the Free Press says:

The prosperous town of Wetaskiwin is situated on the Calgary and Edmonton railway, at a point 152 miles north of Calgary and 43 miles south of Edmonton. It is the centre and market town for a rich and extensive district, extending from Ponoka on the south to Leduc on the north, and west as far as the Rocky Mountains, 200 east for numerous miles. The finest agricultural country in the world lies east of the town, and it only requires to be seen in order to be fully appreciated. Every settler or land speculator who has ever set eyes upon the magnificent stretch of country to which settlers have flocked here will be struck by the boundless opportunities for agriculture. All well travelled roads lead from this famous district to the town of Wetaskiwin, and its prosperous settlers flock to market their produce and secure their supplies. The town is one of the busiest of the younger towns of Alberta, and in fact, of the Northwest. It possesses splendid mercantile facilities, chartered banks, good schools, and the largest number of churches of any town of its size in Western Canada. The business blocks are modern, the residences are neat, the streets are well kept, and there is a liberal mileage of sidewalks. The name of the town is an Indian term signifying peace, and is named after the Peace Hills. This town should in a few years become a place of still greater importance as the lands in the vicinity are settled.

Every essential condition for successful living exists in this district. The soil is most fertile, the climate is agreeable, there is an abundance of wood, coal and water, and there is also a good class of settlers and every requisite towards building up a modern civilization. The successive years of good crops that the Northwest of Canada has enjoyed is sufficient guarantee of the promises, that settling time and harvest shall not cease. Bad years cannot be avoided. There have always been years of plenty and years of scarcity the world over, and will probably continue so to the end of time; but taking one year with another, and all the varied surrounding circumstances into consideration, this district offers undiminished inducements to the man of moderate means to engage either in ranching or mixed farming on his own account. The only requisite conditions being that he is able and willing to work, possess a little capital to make a start, and has a fair knowledge of how to extract the hidden wealth from the soil.

The abundance of grass and water to be found in this district makes it eminently suitable for mixed farming.

purposes. Men possessing a capital of one thousand dollars or more can make a fair start by paying one instalment upon their land and purchasing a limited number of live stock. Young men who arrived in the country a few years ago are now in fairly comfortable circumstances. One young man especially, who arrived here during the past three years had to ride upon the good nature of the railway officials. He secured work and is now in a small business for himself and owns fifty head of cattle for taking charge of which he pays a small amount per month.

If the young man invested the loose money he spends in cigar, billiards and other follies in cattle in this country they would grow rich in a few years. A man who invests a thousand dollars in young cattle will be in an independent position in ten years, to day that pays so well and presents so few risks.

With an unlimited supply of cheap fuel a woollen mill should be a paying industry in the town. It has been shown that sheep thrive in the district. The establishment of a woollen mill would prove an impetus to the increasing industry. There is an immense demand for woollen goods, and the product of a good sized mill could be utilized in the district. With the expansion of the industry, a ready market could be found for the surplus stock throughout the Territories and Columbia. There are no reasons why Wetaskiwin should not become as famous for pure woolen goods as Sheffield is famous the world over for the superior quality of the laundry manufactured there.

Another industry that is capable of an unlimited expansion is that of pork packing and bacon curing. Thousands of tons of hog products are annually brought in from distant points, including Chicago, that could be produced right here. It has been shown that cereals and roots do exceedingly well in the district and that logs feed upon barley; oats and potatoes better than pork and bacon than those that have been fed upon corn. By proper management Wetaskiwin should become as famous for hog products as Chicago is today. There is a splendid opening here for men of enterprise who understand pork packing and curing. Farmers in the district were notified that a pork packing establishment on a large scale was to be established, they would soon raise sufficient hogs to meet the demand.

Parties who are looking for a new country in which to settle should not lose sight of the fact that the settlers of the Northwest Territories of Canada pay less taxes than any farmers upon the face of the globe. The living are confined to a small amount each towards the maintenance of the public schools and the construction of roads, both of which are for the direct and immediate benefit of the settlers themselves. The road tax is a fixed amount of \$2.50 per annum for each 100 acres of land and the school tax varies from \$4 to \$10 per acre, according to the position of the school section in which the settler may be located. No tax is paid to the Territorial government. Settlers in this district have therefore an important advantage over farmers in foreign countries.

The elevator capacity of the town consists of the following: Bradman Krr Co., 65,000 bushels; Dominion Elevator Co., 11,000 bushels; Calgary Milling Co., 35,000; these together with some flat warehouses bring the total grain storage capacity up to 150,000 bushels. Large quantities of grain are being loaded to cars direct by growers.

Captain Rounans, of Rosedale who is at present in Edmonton, will probably operate a boat on the Saskatchewan during the coming summer.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Farmers in Nebraska are burning corn worth 35 cents per bushel because they cannot get coal.

The C.P.R. is said to contemplate further extensions of its system in the United States, mainly in the State of Washington.

Latest despatches from Toronto state that all three recent bye-elections in Ontario will be protested. Evidence has been gathered since January 7 of practices which it is said, will create the greatest sensation when ventilated in court.

The Hon. Clifford Sifton, speaking at Regina on Saturday referred to the question of provincial autonomy. He said he was not hostile to the proposal. But there were a good many difficult and important questions which had to be dealt with and it was important that these questions should be settled so as to commend themselves to the people, and so as to avoid litigation later for alteration of terms.

London, Jan. 23.—It is confidently asserted in some quarters that the Calgary & Edmonton Railway company arrangement with the Canadian Pacific has been completed, and only awaits final sanction before the announcement will be made. The hope is expressed that there will be a subsequent completion of the arrangement with the Qu'Appelle and Long Lake railway.

JAMES J. Hill says that Canada should not subsidize the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, as the future of the west is so great that the returns should compensate many times over the cost of building. Canada might, however, assist the bonds of the company, but only in return for security in the shape of a first mortgage on the road. He declares that the west wants improvement on existing lines rather than additional railways. The C.P.R. should, he says, spend some money on its rolling stock, and get enough cars and should bring its line down to a low grade.

A Big Machine.

The last number of The Nor-West Farmer, in announcing the installation into its press room of a new press, says:—

"This new press is the largest, fastest book press made by any firm on this continent, and is larger than any similar press used in any other printing office in the Dominion of Canada. It will print sixteen pages of The Nor-West Farmer at each impression, and will be provided with automatic feeding apparatus and all the other up-to-date and approved appliances which the genius of press builders have been able to devise. Considerable other improved machinery is also being installed."

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Methodist Church
Services in Methodist church every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. Rev. J. H. Smith, Pastor.

BAPTIST
Services every Lord's Day evening at 7.30; Sabbath School at 2.30 p.m.; Bible study every Wednesday evening at 8.00 p.m. Rev. N. H. Ellis, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN
Divine Services at 11 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Sabbath School at 2.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock every Wednesday evening.

REV. DR. COOPER, Minister.
SCANDINAVIAN
SCANDINAVIAN meetings will be held every Sunday at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbyterian church. Preaching by Rev. N. F. Gross.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Service each Sunday night at 7.30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
School at 2.30. Rev. G. Austin, Curate.

ESTRAY COW.

Came onto the premises of the underwriter, Mr. J. H. Smith, at 11 a.m. on the 1st of November, 2 miles west of Wetaskiwin, a black and white cow, aged about 10 years old, one red cow with white legs and forehead, a reddish brown, about six years old. Owner unknown. Property of the underwriter and take animal away.

HANS FISCHER, Wetaskiwin.

STRAYED AWAY.

From premises of underwriter on about the 1st of November, 2 miles west of Wetaskiwin, a black and white cow, aged about 10 years old, one red cow with white legs and forehead, a reddish brown, about six years old. Owner unknown. Property of the underwriter and take animal away.

DR. J. H. SMITH, Wetaskiwin.

ESTRAY ANIMALS.

Strayed from Dried Lake one black bull calf aged about 1 year weight 1000 lbs., private property. Strayed from Dried Lake one black and white cow, aged about 10 years old, one red cow with white legs and forehead, a reddish brown, about six years old. Owner unknown. Property of the underwriter and take animal away.

DR. J. H. SMITH, Wetaskiwin.

CATTLE DRIVING.

Having purchased a driving pack I am in position to do driving on short notice until April 25th. Best prices reasonable.

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The Overland Mail.

(Written for The Times by H. Stanley Lewis.)

"Give me the signal, dear Overland," she cried, "The mail is due to you to-morrow night." "As you're driving the Mail to the westward to-night, Our signal, three whistles, soft and clear." "Aye, aye, aye!" Kissing away the tears that fell: "You will hear the sign as we sweep the line, Three low whistles, if 't is well." "So long, so long, so long, so long, so long— No danger to-night for the Overland Mail."

Then a cessation of work in the Overland yard. When the engine cases shifting the moving cars, Move to sidings and wait; then away down the track. With the lights of the switches are shining like stars, Comes the time when the road and rivers hark; And the wild and lynn hark close to their lair! The shivering rabbit curls low in her "form." When in their dark corners the conger and bear. See the foxes and the foxes' young, the marten, Let the panther pant—let the grizzly turn tail! In the name of King Edward, the Overland Mail!

The echo comes back from the battle-ground cliffs Of the engine-bell's clang in the valley below; Where the steel rails are ringing, and far down the track; A swift and distant bellow by the side of the track. The horseman's hoofs ring on the iron, And the stony, grimy fingers swing open her door, Shields his face from the heat of the red glare within. And runs his fire with a burning and gay din And the sparks on the cab roof are falling like hail— In the name of King Edward, the Overland Mail!

High up at his window, the young engineer, Two score human lives in his charge at his back, Sits holding in check the vast thundering mass. A smile curves his lips—he is thinking of Her. A smile curves his lips—he is thinking of Her. Whose piano is resting just over his heart, And his watch-chain is hanging by his side. From his sweet reverie he awakes with a start. With quick intuition his brown cheek grows pale— There's danger ahead for the Overland Mail!

A freight stalled on the "main" and a flagman asleep. Who awakes, as the Mail thunders by, with a shout! Too late! the engine has swerved the curve. And a faint, thin wail from the engine looks out— As he throws on the "ail," with a last long look. His firm, bearded lips to the picture are pressed, And the mail is safe, and the mail is safe. As a knight of the journey would set lance in rest! But he sticks to his post, his iron nerves never fail! As straight to its doom flies the Overland Mail!

She sat by her window far into the night. Waiting and watching the stars twinkled sky— She saw the high gleam of the campfire light, And the bright stars, and the moon, and what by. "Father, watch over him softly she prayed." As down by her sleeping babe's cradle she fell; But a faint, thin wail from the engine looks out. And never a sign that "all is well!" While, miles in the distance, o'er mountain and dale, A wreck in the ditch, lies the Overland Mail.

Slowly the night hours dragged on till the dawn— White-faced she stood 'neath the gray morning sky, As the sun was about to rise, the "ail" was out— Jim died at his post, as a hero should die— Ah, merciful Heaven—and she loved him so— Shouting and not a word tear fell; Peasant's wail, God's wail, Angel's wail! And the angels are whispering "Aye, all is well!" While his twinkling eyes (in the dawn shining pale) Signal "Right-of-way—Clear" to the Overland Mail.

Gathered by our own staff of wide-awake correspondents.

DISTRICT NEWS

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Penron Park.

Frank Fee has made his boy, Willie and Howard a present in the way of a quarter section of land each. You may look out for their smoke.

The Nightingale was heard to sing again in the park once more. This time not doing justice to that grand old song. Come again and bring along a change of programme.

A merry sleighload with laugh and song would its way to the home of Mr. Burger's one night last week. They were all good people, the load composed of brain cultivators, soul protectors and others whose callings differ, but ladies and gentlemen just the same. After spending three or four hours in games, fortunetelling and other mysteries too numerous to mention, they took of a lunch spread by Mrs. Burger, then snuggly packing themselves in the sleigh, returned to town, thinking they had a good time. Oh how short the night seemed!

Hot time in the old town 47.23 on election day. It was calm and bright without, but everything peace and harmony dwelt within. Mr. John Bowie very ably filled the chair, while Frank Fee as secretary looked after the moves and seconds of the fight, which assumed the three degrees: Hot, Hotter and Hottest. The last degree presenting itself when Mr. Fred Burger was declared elected overseer, with 7 of a majority over Mr. Julius Dahms. There was other business transacted and everything put in good shape. With Mr. Burger at the helm we are living in hopes to see good roads, if he don't there will be somebody mad again next year.

We trust that the recent snow fall will be of great advantage to those who travel the roads, as they were getting quite bare in some places.

John Quello sold a quarter section of rail road land recently for a consideration of \$5.00 per acre.

Our neighborhood has been quite since a number of our young men have gone to Stony Lake to work in the logging camps.

We trust that the recent snow fall will be of great advantage to those who travel the roads, as they were getting quite bare in some places.

Henry Nelson.

From the W. D. L. Editor.

DICKSON'S

Stock Taking Sale

A Pronounced Success.

Preparations for inventory are now in order. Stock must be reduced to the lowest possible level. More than ordinary reductions prevail. There is not a Department in the store that does not contribute its share of big Bargains. Hundreds of dollars worth of new desirable goods are to be sold at figures that will surprise the closest buyer. We mean what we say and live up strictly to the letter of our advertisement.

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A. R. DICKSON.

Hillside.

We miss one of our bright young ladies very much, Miss Sigma Spokell, who went to Edmonton after the holidays to attend the training school.

Mr. Carter called this weekend in search of a carpenter to make calculations for the new school house that will be built in the district which corners with the New Salem on the south east.

There has been a great deal of lumber and spruce logs handled through this district this winter, enroute for Dried Meat Lake, also movers teams, which would indicate that there is a great deal of improvement going on in that direction.

Battle River.

Mr. B. F. Schatz and Jas. Gould passed through this vicinity on their outing in search of furs last week.

At the annual meeting of Battle River School District, Mr. J. Thirk was re-elected for another term of three years, Mr. J. Schatz for one year, filling out Mr. Alf Ellis' term as the latter is now in the new Angus Ridge district.

The new Angus Ridge school house, on Mr. Wm. Thirk's corner is about completed. It is of commendable size, being 32 x 23 x 12 ceiling. Mr. McAllister, as head carpenter is doing his part with speed and efficiency.

Local improvement in district 220, comprising township 45, range 23, and of those portions of the adjoining townships lying to the South and East, this side of the river held its annual meeting in the school house on Saturday the 17th instant. If this Southeast corner would turn out in as good numbers as other parts they would stand a better chance of getting their share of the work done from taxes paid. Mr. Wm. Wilson was elected to succeed Mr. Russell, as overseer.

Gradually there has leaked out news of a successful practical job on our forestress grass-widower. Having long desired to engage a cook, a few weeks ago he drew sick of relief as one "Miss Taylor" made application in person. But Pate was rather quiet that night, concentrating his gaze on the floor, the bargain was not concluded. The discomfort of veil and long skirts shortened the interview to fifteen minutes. "Do you think I'd be rude enough to look in the young lady's face?" was his gallant explanation, upon being chafed, of not detecting his neighbor's identity.

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